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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION**

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based on failure to receive Office Action and a remailing of the Office Action originally mailed June 18, 2003 with a new period for response beginning on the date of remailing.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed March 24, 2004 (Paper No. 18) indicates that an office correspondence was mailed on June 18, 2003. Applicants' representative, however, did not receive the original office correspondence. Applicants' representative has diligently searched its file jacket and representative's docket records indicate that the office correspondence was not received. Accordingly, the original office correspondence was lost in the mail.

Exhibits A – G are attached to this petition. Each exhibit include evidence that the original correspondence was not received. More specifically:

Exhibit A: This exhibit is a 2-page print out from our docketing system. The top portion of the first page include database fields which establishes a correspondence between the application serial number "09/264,501" and our docket number "M4065.0842/P842." The print out further includes a section entitled "Other Case-Related Information," which appears at the bottom of the first page and continues into the second page. This information include, *inter alia*, recordations concerning an Office Action mailed on January 2, 2003, a response filed on April 2, 2003, and a status inquiry filed on August 15, 2003. There is no recordation regarding the June 18, 2003 Office Action. If the undersigned had received the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, a recordation regarding that Office Action would appear in this section of the report. Further, if the undersigned had received the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, there would not have been any need to file a Status Inquiry on August 15, 2003.

Exhibit B: This exhibit is a single page print out from our docketing system. The notes seen in the print out were made as each paper related to the application was processed. Consistent with Exhibit A, the notes indicate the receipt of the January 2, 2003 Office Action, the filing of the April 2, 2003 response, and the filing of the August 15, 2003 status inquiry. There is no notation regarding the June 18, 2003

Office Action. If the undersigned had received the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, a notation regarding that Office Action would appear in this list of notes.

Exhibit C: This exhibit is a 2-page photocopy from a handwritten log book maintained as a manual backup to the computerized portion of the docketing system. The photocopied pages correspond to all the entries made on September 18, 2003. All actions due on the date shown at the top of each page are written into the log. When an action is completed and delivered to docketing, its entry is crossed out. Each entry shows the initials of the handling attorney, the internal docket number, the application serial number, the action due, and any applicable notes.

The first due date for response to the June 18, 2003 Office Action would have been September 18, 2003. If the June 18, 2003 Office Action had been received, there would be an entry in the handwritten log for September 18, 2003 regarding a response. However, the September 18, 2003 log does not have any entries associated with the instant application.

Exhibit D: This exhibit is a 2-page photocopy from the handwritten log book first mentioned in the description of Exhibit C. The photocopied pages correspond to all the entries made on October 18, 2003, which would have been the due date with a 1-month extension of time for responding to the June 18, 2003 Office Action. If the June 18, 2003 Office Action had been received, and if no response had been filed by September 18, 2003, there would be an entry in the handwritten log for October 18, 2003 regarding a response. However, the October 18, 2003 log does not have any entries associated with the instant application.

Exhibit E: This exhibit is a 1-page photocopy from the handwritten log book first mentioned in the description of Exhibit C. The photocopied pages correspond to all the entries made on November 18, 2003, which would have been the due date with a 2-month extension of time for responding to the June 18, 2003 Office

Action. If the June 18, 2003 Office Action had been received, and if no response had been filed by October 18, 2003, there would be an entry in the handwritten log for November 18, 2003 regarding a response. However, the November 18, 2003 log does not have any entries associated with the instant application.

Exhibit F: This exhibit is a 1-page photocopy from the handwritten log book first mentioned in the description of Exhibit C. The photocopied pages correspond to all the entries made on December 18, 2003, which would have been the due date with a 3-month extension of time for responding to the June 18, 2003 Office Action. If the June 18, 2003 Office Action had been received, and if no response had been filed by November 18, 2003, there would be an entry in the handwritten log for December 18, 2003 regarding a response. However, the December 18, 2003 log does not have any entries associated with the instant application.

Exhibit G: This exhibit is a 2-page photocopy of a Status Inquiry regarding the instant application and its accompanying post card. The Status Inquiry was filed on August 15, 2003. Evidence that the status inquiry was received by the Office can be seen by the OIPE stamp on the post card, which indicates receipt of the status inquiry on August 15, 2003. If the June 18, 2003 Office Action had been received, there would have been no need to file the status request since the status of the application would have been known to the undersigned.

As the June 18, 2003 Office Action was never received, applicants' representative are entitled to have the holding of abandonment withdrawn and a remailing of the June 18, 2003 Office Action with the period to respond set to begin on the date of the remailing. See MPEP § 711.03(c)(II), at page 700-155 (8th Ed. Rev. 1 February 2003).

The Petition fee of \$130.00 is enclosed. If no fee is due, please refund our Deposit Account 04-1073. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which

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should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. M4065.0842/P842. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: March 26, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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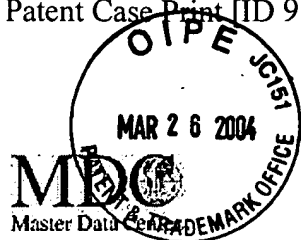
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EXHIBIT A



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Description

Current Expense Information

Other Case-Related Information

Actions

Action	Action Due Date	Taken Date	Deadline Date	Completed Date	Action Notes
STATUS INQUIRY DUE	1/15/2004				STATUS FLD 8/15/03
IDS N/A					

MISS. PARTS N/A
MATTER SETTLED
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EXHIBIT B



12/30/02 - FILE TRANS IN FROM FISH & RICHARDSON

1/13/03 - REC'D 3 MTH NON-FINAL OA FROM USPTO MAILED 1/2/03

1/16/03 - FILED USPTO - STATUS INQUIRY

1/28/03 - REC'D LTR OF 1/27/03 FROM CLIENT ENCLOSING SIGNATURE PAPERS

1/31/03 - PER CC DKT NON-FINAL OA RPT/CLIENT 1/27/03

1/31/03 - FILED USPTO - TRANSMITTAL (1 PAGE) REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY (2 PAGES) WITH COPY OF ASSIGNMENT (21 PAGES) REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER (1 PAGE)

2/3/03 - RECD GRANTED ON REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY FROM USPTO MAILED 1/31/03

3/11/03 - REC'D NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY MAILED 3/5/03

4/2/03 - FILED USPTO VIA CHRIS CHOW; TRANS; AMENDMENT TRANS; AMENDMENT 26 PGS; REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWINGS CORRECTIONS, 1 PAGE DRAWING; P'CARD

8/15/03 - FILED USPTO STATUS INQUIRY; P'CARD

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TJ/PV M4065.0195/P195 09/495,719 Issue Fee ^{Fld 8/22/03} Drawing ^{Fld 9-15-03}

TJ/D/TD M4065.0151/P151(01) 09/930,960 Resp Due (ox)
 (P) 9/17/03

UT/GC R2184.0058/P058 01 10/370,520 Resp Due (ox)
 9/12/03

JD/RF M4005.0391/P391 09/805,203 Resp Due (ox)

JD/EC M4005.0400/P400 09/741,821 Resp Due (ox)
 Today 9/16/03

JD/JD M4005.0319/P319 09/296,835 Resp Due (ox)
 Fld 9-22-03 Today

UT/GC A3048.0012/P333-01 10/034,250 Resp Due (ox)
 Fld 9-22-03 Today

JD/DAD M4005.0132/P132-01 09/594,171 Final Resp (ox)
 JD/DGD M4005.0132/P132-01 09/594,171 NTC Appeal (ox)

JD/PV K0510.0032/P032-03 10/106,020 Resp Due (ox)
 Today Ext

JD/D/JCL R2180.0114/P114 09/940,482 Resp Due (ox)
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JD/GC M4005.0250/P250 09/508,150 Final Resp. (ox)
 JD/GC M4005.0250/P250 09/508,150 NTC Appeal (ox) Ext

UT/JCL N9450.0059/P059 10/221,845 Resp Due (ox)
 Today Ext

JD/MJT A25T8060.0010/P010 09/931,188 Resp Due (ox)
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JD/PV K0510.0032/P032-02 10/106,020 Resp Due (ox)
 Fld 9-17-03

JD/MB N0520.0030/P030-01 10/122,317 Issue Fee Due *

TJ/D/DS 29995.0698/P698 10/439,040 NTC Appeal (ox)
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GL U2071.0003/P003 PCT PCT/US02/13499 Written Opinion Due
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JD/DG N9450.0035/P035 09/984,436 Resp Due (2x)
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JO/EO ~~M4065.0010/P010-01~~ 09/756,929 Confirm Hearing

SAS ~~M0025.0295~~ File Appn DOL Fla 9-17-05



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EXHIBIT D

Pd by client

~~TJD/EO M4065.0063/P063 09/083,093 Amend Fee Due~~

Pd by client

~~TJD/CF K6510.0027/P007 08/80,086 Amend Fee Due~~

Pd 8-25-03

~~JWB I8602.0009/P009 3407,912 Grace period ends *~~

Fid 10-20-03 today

~~MJT/TLS K8096.0000/P009 29/175,576 Resp Due (OX)~~

Amend F 9/25/03

~~TJD/EP M4065.0540/P540 10/162,673 Resp Due (OX)~~~~MJT/JCH N9450.0063/P065 10/239,769 Resp Due (OX)~~

Today Pd 10-20-03

~~MJT/PV B2189.0108/P108 09/987,125 Issue Fee Due *~~

Pd by client

~~TJD/GM O3020.0167/P167 08/672,998 Amend Fee Due~~

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~~SAS M4025.0290/P190 10/459,666 Miss Parts (OX)~~

Today Fid 10-15-03

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MUT-HW790.0005/P005 File Appln DOL* (AP03-388) (F) 11/17

SAS A6130.0007/P007 09/948,670 Issue Fee Due (F) 11/17

TJD/MAW M4065.0596/P596 10/229,452 Resp Due (OX) (F) 11/17

TJD/CC G5030.0013/P013 09/479,886 Resp Due (OX) (F) 11/17

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TJD/GC T8060.0013/P013 09/545,350 Resp Due (OX) (F) 11/17

TJD/SPT F9600.0028/P028 09/831,864 Resp Due (OX) (F) 11/17

TJD/PS M4065.0082/P082 09/544,171 Appeal Brief (IX) (F) 11/17
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JDB/MAW C8386.0001/P001 Pct Pct US03/24020 Conv Defect (F) 11/17

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